

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1116

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charlene Mullins on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Mullins is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for fifty years as a human ecology instructor at Tennessee Technological University (TTU); she will be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, commencing her career at TTU in 1953, Mrs. Mullins has rendered sterling service as an associate professor in the University's School of Human Ecology during an illustrious career spanning five different university presidents; and

WHEREAS, prior to her tenure as an employee, Charlene Mullins received a bachelor's degree at TTU and a master's degree in Child Development and Family Relationships at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mullins worked assiduously to expand the course offerings in child development and family relations at TTU, which, at the time of her initial employment, offered only one course in that field; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, she was responsible for planning and implementing the first campus preschool center for the study of early childhood development, cultivating it into a significant campus program under the auspices of the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, throughout her remarkable years of industry, Mrs. Mullins was an active and important part of the University and her community, lending her time and talents to numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, she was a charter member of TTU's Phi Kappa Phi honor society, helped organize the Tennessee Association on Young Children serving as its first vice president, was

appointed by the Governor as Chair of the State Committee to write the standards for Tennessee daycare centers, helped establish locations and train teachers for the Upper Cumberland Head Start Program, and assisted in the formation of the Tennessee Council on Family Relations; and

WHEREAS, an extremely compassionate and talented educator, Charlene Mullins has taught thousands of students in the last half century, motivating them to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mullins exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Charlene Mullins our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we commend her fifty years of meritorious service to the citizens of this State as an instructor at Tennessee Technological University, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.